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Column On David Courtney

COURAGE is no substitute for politics. The defenders of Dien Bien Phu have fallen in their post but the battle has not been won or lost. There is no decision in a brave man's death or in the victory of a Communist. The decision lies with the brave men and their clerical adjutants who meet in conference and cry havoc across a polished table.

Dien Bien Phu was the beginning and the end for the French defenders but for the Communists it was only a unit in the tally of ideological conflict and its strategic supplement that they have been marking up for years now and will go on marking up for more years. The general public has been unable to keep up with the tally and certainly the defenders of Dien Bien Phu had no idea where it stood when they died.

The men of Dien Bien Phu are left only with their honor; did they die for money? Their standard was not raised for Empire or politics or the confusing ambiguities of policy. It was paid for to the end because that is the way of brave men and has been their way all through history. It is the way that placed kings on their thrones, won new empires and fed the pride of nations. In its courage, Dien Bien Phu was of this gallant and receding order. What was its purpose?

Nobody quite knows. General de Navarre thought that by fortifying it and putting there a garrison to meet the Vietnamese commander, General Giap, he could compel a static battle and so wear down the enemy that he would be able to chase it from Laos, Cambodia and the Red River Delta back into a few hills of no matter. His calculations went awry. We have seen that such calculations are made in a world where subject peoples are learning mastery. That may be why Mr. Dulles has grown impatient of the Vietnam of Dien Bien Phu and its like, which are not skirmishes in his reckoning and the reckoning of his Kremlin antagonists.

The "skirmish" has caused French hearts to swell even as French eyes weep; and tomorrow Mr. Dulles may even as General de Castries fell, though with less honor; for if to such desperate deeds a hero is brought, there must also be a respite at hand. Dien Bien Phu may not mark the end of war in Indo-China but it may well mark the end of France's war in Indo-China. Geneva will tell — if it gets through its procedural stammering.

AND if France's war becomes the world's war, what then? Dien Bien Phu on atomic scale? No one knows the answer. And because of that, the uncertainty of the wiser ones at Geneva are fumbling towards a cease-fire, a truce, an armistice, call it what you like as long as it ends the war. The defenders of Dien Bien Phu had no time to think. Perhaps their splendid dying will give us time to think. For if we think hard enough we may find a way of getting what we want in Asia and other places without having to fight for it.

AND now let us be sad, with the address of faded flags in dunce chapters. There have been died on the margins of empire in the manner of a day that was bright with glory at its noon and now draws to a close. Dien Bien Phu was a wonderful ending to an epoch. On cold winter nights old men will tell its story and let fall a tear.

Jerusalem, May 10.

Lebanon Explains Why Clerks Asked to Quit

JERUSALEM POST REPORTER
TEL AVIV, Sunday. — A tense and quarrelsome Municipal Council meeting tonight heard from Mayor Haim Levanon the statement made to him by the District Attorney regarding the four officials of the City's Maintenance Department whose integrity had been questioned.

The District Attorney wrote that the facts concerning these officials did not justify legal action "although they did contain information casting reflections and arousing suspicions as to their activities."

This statement applied to three of the officials, Mr. Fichman, head of the Maintenance Department, Mr. Halperin, his deputy, and Mr. Lipovsky, the secretary of the Department. As to the fourth, Mr. Skitel, a clerk, the District Attorney stated that it was clear that he had "broken the law in matters concerning Municipal property" but that he had probably been a "tool" in the hands of others and that the State intended using him in a prosecution witness in the trial of Winick and Bigelman, both of the Maintenance Department, against whom charges had already been filed.

The Mayor told the Council it had been decided to ask these officials to resign but that they had refused. A letter sent to the State Comptroller to express opinion on the issue was answered last week with an explanation that the State Comptroller was not in a position to express views on individuals but on administrative faults generally. It also said that it was regrettable that the local authorities did not have their own disciplinary courts as in the civil service.

'Fusing of Exiles' Keynote of 2nd Sephardi Parley

JERUSALEM POST REPORTER
About 200 delegates from Israel and the Diaspora and hundreds of guests filled the Y.M.C.A. auditorium in Jerusalem last night for the opening session of the Second Congress of the World Sephardi Federation.

President Ben-Zvi, greeting the Congress, called the Sephardim "important partners" in building the State of Israel. He hoped that the Congress would be able to find practical ways of bringing about *mitug galuyot* — the fusion of the exiles — a phrase which gives promise of becoming the keynote of the Congress, judging from the number of speakers who mentioned it last night.

Mr. Ben-Zvi, Chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, stressed the necessity of unity and of avoiding differences between the various sections of the population. He declared that the fusion of the exiles would be a much more difficult task than the ingathering of the exiles had been, he said.

Dr. Aryeh Tartakover, Chairman of the World Jewish Congress, denied that the term "Sephardi" referred either to a geographical entity or to a "community." It was rather a national-cultural concept, he stated, briefly recounting some of the outstanding achievements of Sephardi Jewry.

National-Cultural Concept
The Congress was also greeted by Mayor Y. Kariv of Jerusalem; Mr. P. Bernstein, Minister of Commerce and Industry; Mr. Moshe Shertok, Minister of the Histadrut and Mr. B. Shitrit, Minister of Police.

The language problem of world congresses was the subject of much evidence last night. Although most of the speeches were in Hebrew, which was probably not the language of a good many delegates from abroad, both Mr. Asher Benay, President of the World Sephardi Federation, who closed it, spoke French, to the applause of many of the Israeli representatives.

The first business session of the Congress will be held at the Hotel Jerusalem at 9.30 this morning. The Congress will close on Thursday night.

B'nei Brak Mayor Resigns

RAMAT GAN, Sunday. — The Mayor of B'nei Brak, Mr. Itzhak Gershonkorn, announced his resignation tonight that he was resigning immediately due to ill health. Mr. Gershonkorn, one of the town's founders, has been Mayor for the past 16 years.

His Deputy, Mr. I. Makover (General Zionist) will be Acting Mayor for 14 days, when an election will be held.

The Labour opposition on the Council claimed that the resignation was the result of the failure of the Religious Council to run the affairs of the City. They have asked for municipal elections.

RUMANIA READY FOR TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

VIENNA, Sunday (APF). — The official Rumanian News Agency "Agerpres" stated today that the Rumanian Government had informed the Israeli Charge in Bucharest that it was ready to negotiate a trade agreement with Israel. A Rumanian delegation would be sent to Israel shortly for preliminary talks.

Communists Gain In Lebanon, Jordan

WASHINGTON, Sunday (Reuters). — U.S. Information Service said today that the Communists had had some success in stirring up riots and strikes in the Lebanon, Jordan and Syria, and that they were working to establish a network centered in Beirut.

Reporting to its overseas posts, the Government Information Service said that the Party's 15,000 members in the Middle East were "exploiting the desire for social and economic progress and the fulfillment of national aspirations."

400 Royal Engineers In Suez for Cyprus

NICOSIA, Sunday. — According to a usually reliable source, 400 men of the Royal Engineers, now based in the Canal Zone, will be transferred to Cyprus on May 14.

Sharett Review Opens Knesset Session Today

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Prime Minister is to open the summer session of the Knesset this afternoon with a statement on the latest developments in foreign affairs. His statement was outlined and approved after yesterday's weekly Cabinet session in the Capital. The Government spokesman said after the meeting.

The Prime Minister is expected to deal with the supply of arms to Israel, the recent declarations of the U.S. Assistant Secretary of State, and the Security Council deliberations.

Mr. Sharett, and the Minister of Interior, Mr. Y. Reback, who is Acting Health Minister in Mr. Sharett's absence abroad, reported on contacts with the Medical Association.

The spokesman reiterated that no increase in salaries will be permitted during the present fiscal year. He repeated that the Government is ready to negotiate with representatives of doctors employed by public bodies for the next fiscal year after the recently appointed wages committee has submitted its work within a few months.

The Health Minister is to ensure minimal services, should the threatened three-day doctors' work stoppage materialize, the spokesman said, adding that no decision had been taken on compelling the doctors to continue working.

Doctors in Service

In reply to questions he stated that the Government had such power under the Defence Regulations (1939), and the Emergency Regulations (Mobilization of Manpower, 1948). The latter is actually in practice now, as doctors for immigrant and border settlements serve in compliance with this regulation.

A Government source pointed out yesterday that the doctors' decision to hold a three-day strike from next Tuesday was taken by a vote of all doctors, private and public, although the decision affects only the latter category.

A committee consisting of the Ministers of Finance, Education and Culture, and Interior has recommended that Government allocations to the University and Technion be increased. (At present they are to receive, from the 1954/55 budget, IL1.2m. and IL500,000 respectively.) The Government spokesman said that they have requested an additional IL1.5m. and IL500,000 respectively, and will "undoubtedly receive less."

He was not sure exactly how the transfer of funds to the institutions would be effected, as transfers within the budget are from one item to another, require passage of special legislation. The three-member committee is yet to meet and determine exact amounts and methods.

Israel will be represented at the International Labour Organization Convention in Geneva, which is to open during the week in June, by the Minister of Labour, Mr. Golda Myerson, the spokesman said. The Convention, the ILO's 37th, and the sixth in which Israel is participating, is constituted of representatives of management, labour and the Government.

Tax Recommendations

The recommendations of the income tax committee, published a few weeks ago, were approved by the Cabinet. The major point of contention was the recommendation that receipt of loans from the Development Budget, or of Government contracts, be dependent on the recipient's production of evidence of income tax is properly paid.

Other recommendations — increasing tax office manpower, and easing exchange of information between the tax authorities, were approved. Some proposals, which require an amendment to the Law, are now being drafted by the Treasury.

As reported, Mr. Ze'ev Sharett is to become Director of State Revenue, while continuing his responsibilities as Deputy Minister of the Cabinet.

The official communique stated: The Prime Minister and Foreign Minister reported at yesterday's Cabinet session on developments in foreign relations and on discussions with physicians' representatives concerning their wage demands.

The consideration of the budgets of institutions of higher learning was concluded.

The participation of the Minister of Labour in the 37th conference of the International Labour Organization in Geneva was approved.

The Cabinet approved the decisions of the Economic Ministers' Committee in connection with the report of the Committee to Study Efficiency of Income Tax Assessment and Collection.

It was decided that Mr. Ze'ev Sharett would be Director of State Revenue, in addition to his position as Government Secretary.

400 Royal Engineers In Suez for Cyprus

JERUSALEM POST CORRESPONDENT
NICOSIA, Sunday. — According to a usually reliable source, 400 men of the Royal Engineers, now based in the Canal Zone, will be transferred to Cyprus on May 14.

They will be stationed at Polymedia Camp near Limassol where they will join some 600 other sappers who are employed on the construction of a British military cantonment at nearby Episkopi.

It is also understood that the sappers will be employed at Akrotiri, eight miles from Episkopi, where an RAF airfield is planned.

5 CASUALTIES IN ATTACK FROM JORDAN

Jerusalem Post Staff

An Israeli soldier was killed and two wounded yesterday afternoon during a clash with armed Jordanians inside Israel near Khirbet Ayaleen, south of Wadi Fukin, the Army spokesman announced.

The three were part of a reinforcement group alerted to the scene by a patrol of border police who were attacked by Jordanians at 7.30 a.m.

Two border policemen were wounded in the early morning clash with Jordanians inside Israel territory. The border police unit had been patrolling the area when they were attacked. The two were left behind when the patrol was forced to withdraw under pressure of superior numbers and heavy fire to call reinforcements. When the patrol returned to the scene, the two wounded were missing.

The two are Meshulam Bar Natan, 32, and Tuvia Wolfstail, 25. (Radio Ramallah said last night that Jordan had the bodies of two Israeli border policemen.)

The Army reinforcements pushed back the Jordan force into Jordan-held territory and the Jordanians fired three-inch shells from Jordan and the Israeli army unit returned fire. The exchange continued intermittently until 5.30 p.m.

Meanwhile, the Army spokesman announced the death on Saturday night of Yehoshua Shaluka, the policeman who was severely wounded in an exchange of fire with Jordanians who were harvesting in the Megiddo area.

The spokesman also announced that an Israeli policeman had been kidnapped and the vehicle he was driving stolen in the Megiddo area.

Citizen Kidnapped

Infiltrators penetrated into various parts of Israel during the past few days, stealing equipment and kidnapping an Israeli citizen, the spokesman has announced.

On the night of May 7, marauders broke into a home housing well known orchard owner, Neve Yemin, and stole agricultural equipment valued at IL200. Tracks of three men, wearing the uniforms of the Israeli Army, were seen near the orchard.

At 3 a.m. on Friday, five Jordanians attacked and kidnapped an Israeli Arab, a resident of Kfar Kasim, in the Sharon. After beating him, they blindfolded him and robbed him of money. Tracks of four men, one of them barefoot, crossed the Israeli-Jordan armistice line south of Kfar Kasim.

Incident in Marauding

Our Military Correspondent points out that there has been a steep increase in marauding since the middle of last week. The incidents are of different kinds but all indicate an aggressive spirit across the Jordan demarcation line.

That the renewed murderous attitude follows closely last week's attack on the U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for the Middle East is certainly a fact, although not all incidents can be traced directly to the encouragement which it undoubtedly contained in Arab eyes.

One incident which appears clearly to have been a terrorist nature is the murder of the Israeli watchman on Friday night. It was similar to many other terrorist killings, the last of which occurred in Keshalon, over a month ago. On the night of the killing, the watchman was on duty when he was shot in the back by a Jordanian soldier.

The conference, which starts on Tuesday and will last four days, will consider all the problems of the region, including the tension between Israel and the Arab states.

Zhukov Pays Tribute to War Allies; Warns of Aggression

LONDON, Sunday. — The Vice-Defence Minister, Marshal Grigori Zhukov, Soviet Commander-in-Chief in World War II today paid tribute to the heroism of Britain, the United States, France and other war-time allies of Russia.

In an article in the Communist Party newspaper "Pravda," quoted by Moscow Radio, Marshal Zhukov said: "The Soviet people will never forget the sacrifices made by the war-time allies in the struggle against Hitlerism."

Russia, he stated, paid tribute to the British and United States forces in the war and to their commanders, General Eisenhower and Field Marshal Montgomery.

Marshal Zhukov then picked up the present Kremlin line of building firm under Allied differences displayed at such places as the Geneva Far Eastern conference.

"The peoples of Britain, France, the U.S. and other countries are coming to understand increasingly the threat to the universal peace and above all to the national sovereignty and integrity of these countries," he said.

Marshal Zhukov warned the West that Russia "never pledged to anyone to refrain from using her might" against aggressors who might try to attack her.

"Preparing a new war against the Soviet Union and the countries of people's democracy, the reactionary forces are playing a dangerous game of bluff and bluster," he said.

He said that the enemy had suffered some 30,000 casualties if minor wounded were counted.

Indo-China yesterday estimated that 6,000 of his troops had been taken prisoner at Dien-Bien Phu. He said that the number of troops who had been killed and wounded was around 4,000.

The long tramp through slippery jungle trails, reduced to a wading by torrential rain, will be a stiff endurance test for the French and Vietnamese, already wearied by 57 days of intermittent battle.

US to Build 'New Defence Alliances' If Geneva Fails

GENEVA, Sunday (UP). — The United States bluntly warned today that it is attending the Far East peace talks here "to prevent the spread of Communism," and will build new defensive alliances in Asia if the Communists block an honourable peace for Indo-China.

Under-Secretary of State Walter Bedell Smith, leader of the American delegation, sounded the warning in a statement giving his "first impression" of the conference.

Declaring that the United States had "no imperialistic designs," Mr. Smith said that the American delegation came to Geneva only to "negotiate an honourable peace on such terms as will promote freedom throughout the world."

"Let me make it clear, as President Eisenhower has said: We are not attempting to tell other peoples what form of government they shall choose."

Peace Threat
"We are asking association with our friends and allies, that no governmental power shall be exercised to threaten the peace of the world. We are convinced that there will be no war in the world as long as the people themselves have the final word."

"We stand prepared to pledge our resources to the constructive purposes of peace. We shall be compelled to build more and more defensive security only if there is a continuing menace to our national safety and to the safety of all the nations whose interests are bound together with ours in common objectives of peace and freedom."

"We in America, see clearly that our own future, our own prospects of remaining at peace, are directly related to a basic principle — collective security. The experience of two world wars and their aftermath, the existence of threats we cannot ignore, have forced us to abandon our traditional aversion to military alliances."

Complex Influences
"At this conference, what we are confronted with is not alone the restoration of a secure peace to Korea and Indo-China, for these are not isolated problems. They are part of a complex of world-wide influences that make these two areas the focus of potential war for all of us, East and West."

"The United States, for its part, has no imperialistic designs. It seeks no special advantages for its citizens. Since 1945, we have been devoting stupendous sums to help rebuild many of the war-ravaged countries of Europe. But for military misadventures of our motives and a contrived climate of opinion hostile to our national purposes, we might today have been able to bring the peoples of the Soviet Union and China with many of the implements of peaceful development of which those vast countries stand so much in need."

Propaganda Purposes
"Should this conference fail, it will be said that international meetings of this scope are held merely for the purpose of propaganda, not really to negotiate agreements for peace."

"We are here to establish a united, free, democratic, independent Korea. We are here to assist, if we can, in the establishment of a durable, secure peace for the Associated States of Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia."

"We are here to uphold the authority of the United Nations to resist aggression. We are here to prevent the spread of Communism in South-East Asia. We are here to bring about a free and peaceful world."

The conference on Indo-China will be resumed here tomorrow.

Dulles Confers on 'United Action'

WASHINGTON, Sunday (Reuters). — Secretary of State John Foster Dulles plans a new series of talks this week with the top diplomatic representatives of nations who have agreed to support collective action to defend South-East Asia, State Department officials said today.

He began the talks yesterday, after conferring with President Eisenhower and the National Security Council, with the British Ambassador Sir Roger Makin, and the New Zealand Ambassador, Mr. Knox Monro.

It is expected that early in the week he would confer with the French Ambassador M. Henri Bonnet, the Australian Ambassador, Sir H. Percy Spender and representatives of Thailand, the Philippines and the Associated States of Indo-China.

State Department officials said that the key to the new series of meetings was the establishment of a durable, secure peace for the Associated States of Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia.

He stated then that if an armistice in Indo-China cease-fire should open the way to further Communist aggression, or if hostilities continued, then the time would come for "united action" by nations in the proposed security alliance.

Mr. Dulles will go before the House Foreign Affairs Committee on Tuesday for a private session expected to deal with collective security in South-East Asia.

Turkish Note Rejects Russian Protest

ANKARA, Sunday (Reuters). — A Turkish Note to the Soviet Union, published here today, rejects the Russian protest of March 18 against the Turco-Pakistan pact.

The pact envisaged military assistance and cooperation for the defence of Turkey and Pakistan.

The Russian protest delivered a fortnight before the pact was signed on April 2 said that "its preparation is closely connected with the military plans of the Atlantic bloc."

The Turkish reply to Russia on Thursday stated that all bona fide observers recognized the peaceful and defensive nature of Turkey's policies and international arrangements including the Turco-Pakistan pact.

The reply added that the Turkish Government regretted Russia's "systematic remonstrances" through diplomatic channels and every sort of propaganda whenever Turkey acted to strengthen its defence.

Turkey wished her relations with Russia to be based on mutual respect, but Russia's actions showed that she did not share this attitude, wanting instead to impose her policies on Turkey, the note concluded.

Gaullists, Republican Guards Clash

PARIS, Sunday (Reuters). — More than 15,000 Frenchmen gathered at the Arc de Triomphe today to watch General Charles de Gaulle lay a wreath on the grave of the Unknown Soldier, marking the General's observance of V-E Day, which was officially observed yesterday.

Later a group of about 2,000 Gaullists, headed by ex-service men, tried to form a procession to march down the Champs Elysees, but were held up by Republican Guards. There was a brief clash, after which the demonstrators dispersed.

Anger at the Communist attitude towards the Dien-Bien Phu disaster led to sporadic attacks on party offices in Paris and the provinces. Newspaper vendors selling the Communist organ "L'Humanite" were also attacked. At Strasbourg, a group of servicemen on leave ransacked the local Communist Party headquarters.

Criticism of the government's handling of the Indo-China war are certain to be voiced most strongly when the National Assembly reconvenes on Tuesday. The attack is expected to concentrate on the Defence Minister, M. Rene Pleven.

There is some hope in Hanoi that individual French troops had escaped to the jungle amid the heat of battle and will reach French outposts in Northern Laos. The nearest is 43 miles from Dien-Bien Phu.

This means a hard march through thick jungle held by Vietnamese supporters — a grim ordeal for men who had been under siege for two months.

(UP, Reuters)

STAY AT TEL AVIV'S NEW 100-ROOM
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Jlem Bias Towards Aguda Schools Cited

The Jerusalem District Representative, Dr. A. Biran, has requested the Municipality to cease infringing the law by its practice of covering 100% of the maintenance costs of Agudat Yisrael schools, instead of 60%, it was disclosed at last night's Municipal Council meeting. The Municipality was also asked to secure the refund of monies thus expended.

The Mayor, Mr. Y. Kariv, at whose orders the allocations had been made, retorted, explaining that other municipalities also disobeyed the law. Mr. Friedman (Agudat Yisrael) noted that 20% of Jerusalem children attended Aguda schools, a far higher proportion than elsewhere. Debate on the matter was deferred until next week.

Corridor to Train Own First Aid Staff

Villagers in the Jerusalem Corridor are to train for first-aid work to relieve pressure on ambulance services in the area. In addition, the Jerusalem District Representative, Dr. A. Biran, has requested the directors of Magen David Adom to loan an ambulance to the Jerusalem Corridor settlements for six months so that they can establish a first-aid post at Harbutz and take over the service which MDA in Jerusalem was forced to interrupt for lack of funds.

Yesterday's meeting of representatives of the MDA, the Ministry of Interior, the Ministry of Health, and Regional Councils from the Corridor was held at Harbutz. The meeting was held to discuss the loan of an ambulance to the Corridor, which has been deprived of some 8,000 persons of first-aid facilities.

It was suggested that a Harbutz MDA post might commence with one ambulance and an ambulance driver. A temporary MDA would engage an extra driver on 24-hour call to deal with cases nearer the city.

The participants in the discussion unanimously agreed to sponsor first-aid courses so that at least five persons in each village could cope with minor accidents. They agreed to rely completely on outside help. Trained persons on the spot would also reduce calls for the ambulance.

The Ministry of Health informed The Jerusalem Post that due to the cessation of ambulance service to the Corridor on May 1, a temporary arrangement has been made with the District Health Office. One ambulance with a driver is now available for emergencies.

700 More Unemployed
The Council voted unanimously to urge the Hashash Medical Organization to speed construction of its new Medical Centre and hospital complex near Ein Karim, in view of unemployment in the area. Mr. Friedman reported a rise of 700 in daily unemployment since holiday relief works were discontinued.

Whether the Municipal Welfare Department should accept gifts of food parcels and clothing from missions caused hot debate in the Council. Such gifts have already been received from the Hebrew Evangelical Society in Murrat, Orthodox Councilors claimed that the missions used this fact in their propaganda. The Welfare Committee had discussed the matter three times ago, but its proposals were put on the Council agenda only yesterday.

When Rabbi M. Porush, Deputy Mayor in charge of Welfare, pleaded for the acceptance of the gifts, the question was again referred to committee.

War on Locusts Over 2m. Dunams
Attempts are now being made by the plant Protection Department to destroy locust eggs spread over an area of 2,000,000 dunams in the Hatzefa district in the Negev.

It is hoped that the eggs can be killed this month before they hatch. The eggs are found in the most of the spraying has to be done by hand by about 100 workers daily.

Reports of locusts have been reported in the Jordan River area, the Giza Strip and the Sinai Desert, where they are said to have laid eggs over large areas. It is feared that when in an advanced stage of development they may fly into Israel from these areas.

The Plant Protection Department asks farmers to report immediately any appearance of the insects.

More 'Polio' But Fewer Deaths
The seasonal increase in cases of infantile paralysis has been noted with the onset of summer. The Ministry of Health reports. There were 44 victims of poliomyelitis in January, 43 in February, 63 in March, and 75 in April. The number of deaths has declined.

The incidence is higher than last year's, but the rise has no particular significance, it was stated.

Wood in Memory Of Lithuanian Jewry
The first saplings of the 40,000-tree wood in memory of the Lithuanian Jews slaughtered by the Nazis were planted yesterday in the Martyrs' Forest in the Jerusalem Corridor.

The ceremony, opened by Dr. A. Biran, was attended by the Jewish National Fund Director, was addressed by Dr. L.E. Rabinowitz, Chief Rabbi of Johannesburg, Mr. Rubinstein, Chairman of the Association of Lithuanian immigrants in Israel, and many South African tourists of Lithuanian origin attended.

U.S. 'Mahalniks' Tribute Tomorrow
A forest in memory of American volunteers in 'Mahal' who fell in the War of Independence will be planted at 4 p.m. tomorrow in the Defenders' Forest, near Harbutz, at km. 35 on the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv highway. It was announced by the Jewish National Fund.

Cars will leave Jerusalem from the J.N.F. Head Office at 3 p.m., and Tel Aviv from the J.N.F. Building at 11 Rehov Schapira at 2:30 p.m. Those wishing to attend should telephone Jerusalem 4400 or Tel Aviv 20251.

Maccabi Handball Team Beats Utrecht Selected
UTRECHT, Sunday (Reuters). — The Maccabi Handball team won a second victory on its European tour yesterday when it beat the Utrecht selected 5 to 4 at half-time.

In loving memory of DANNY COUSSIN
who fell at Zarnoch on May 10, 1948.

Natanya Dedicates Railway Station

NATANYA, Sunday. — White-washed and festooned, the little station on the coastal railway here was dedicated today to the accompaniment of a fireman's band and speeches.

Mrs. Oved Ben Ami, wife of the Mayor of Natanya, cut the ribbon across the doors after a short ceremony on the wide carpeted porch.

Mr. Ben Ami said that plans for a branch to the projected Natanya harbour have already been made. Mr. M. Savidor, Acting Director of Railways, was host at the ceremony.

Acce's Own Museum

JERUSALEM, Sunday. — A municipal museum was opened here by the Mayor, Mr. Y. Gadish, this morning. Many visitors and artists, who exhibited Acce's own museum in honour of the occasion, were present.

The museum is housed in the disfigured former residence of Hamam el Basa, which has been reconstructed by the Municipality with help from the Ministry of Labour.

The exhibition includes archaeological finds from the Acce district, a collection of Crusader ceramics, tools of the Late Bronze Age and exhibits illustrating Arab folklore. Some were supplied by the Government Antiquities Department while others were loaned by private collectors.

Mr. Gadish called on the Government to show greater understanding for Acce's tourist attraction possibilities. He asked that the ancient fortress which 'now' houses a mental home, be at least partly cleared to enable visitors to view it.

Isfiya Opens Greek Catholic Church

HAIFA, Sunday. — A new church for the 400 Greek Catholic residents of Isfiya was dedicated on May 9, a population of 2,000, including about 1,500 Druse.

and a golden crown, a procession, headed by Catholic boys scouts, set out for the Carmel Monastery for a festive meal.

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Kaplan Prizes for Work Efficiency

ELIASSER Kaplan Efficiency Prizes will be awarded each year on Tammuz 20—the anniversary of the death of the Minister of Finance—it was announced yesterday.

The prizes, established by the Ministry of Labour, Mrs. Golda Myerson, will be awarded by her upon the recommendation of a committee composed of Mr. M. Gertzel, Director of the Institute of Productivity, Chairman; Dr. G. Gershon, Secretary of the Central Committee of Productivity Council; and Mr. I. Strakosky, the chief engineer of the Institute.

Nominations may be submitted to the Prize Committee by productivity and efficiency councils, by the management and by the workers' committees in enterprises which employ fewer than 50 persons and do not have productivity and efficiency councils, and by public institutions and organizations.

Those eligible for prizes are: (1) individuals or groups who last year excelled in labour efficiency, in raising the standard of production, in improving the quality of management or organization, or in inventions and improvements in these areas; (2) productivity and efficiency councils which excelled in the previous year in systematic and constant efforts to raise productivity and efficiency.

The value of each prize will be from IL100 to IL300. Prizes may be in cash, scholarships for advanced study, or other forms. Nominations should be submitted to the Institute of Productivity, in seven copies, not later than June 21, 1954.

Raiders from the North

BEERSHEVA, Sunday. — Six Jaffa residents who arrived by jeep and motorcycle here last night smashed furniture and utensils in Joseph Tobul's cafe in the main street and got away after attacking a soldier standing nearby.

A policeman who had noted the numbers on the vehicles, informed police stations on the road north. The jeep was apprehended in Gedera, and the motorcycle in Jaffa, both together with the alleged miscreants.

Man Stabs Wife, Jumps From Window
HAIFA, Sunday. — Dov Ariel, 47, a shoemaker, of 3 Rehov Omar el Kabid, in the Lower Town, is believed to have stabbed his wife Zilla in the back, head and abdomen at 1 p.m. today, and when a neighbour who witnessed the incident screamed, threw himself out of the second floor window of his home.

Mrs. Ariel was found dead in the main street and taken to hospital seriously injured. He was reported out of danger this evening.

The couple are known to have been on bad terms for some time, and Mrs. Ariel began divorce proceedings about seven months ago. Since then he had been living in the kitchen of their flat, while the husband had occupied the living room.

Habimah To Play in Paris

JERUSALEM, Sunday. — Following an invitation from the city of Paris, the Habimah Theatre will give five performances between July 15 and July 19 at the Sarah Bernhardt Theatre during the first Festival of Dramatic Art to be held in the French capital, representatives of Habimah told the Press here today.

About 25 actors and actresses will participate in the trip; their repertoire has not yet been selected.

To mark the 35th anniversary of the theatre company, an exhibition will be opened at the Habimah building on June 1, showing the history of the first permanent Hebrew theatre company in model settings, photographs and posters, including the poster announcing the first performance in Moscow. This consisted of a presentation of four one-act plays by I. Katznelson, J.L. Peretz, Shalom Asch and I.D. Berkovitz.

Of those who took part in this premiere, Miss Hanna Rovina and Mr. David Vardi are still with the company.

The opening ceremony of the exhibition will be highlighted by a concert of the incidental music of various plays performed by Habimah. With this concert, Habimah will make its contribution to the current Month of Jewish Music.

The company's repertoire during the coming months will include "Witch Hunt," the latest play by Arthur Miller (produced by Avraham Asseo), "Harvey" by Elia Chase, Dumas' "Kean," in a new adaptation by Sartre (produced by Julius Gellner), and "Lysistrata" by Aristophanes (produced by Sandro Malmquist).

A Rose by Any Other Name...

LONDON, Sunday (UP). — The British National Rose Society announced today that it has banned the American-bred rose called "Lillibet" in honour of Queen Elizabeth II because the name "is not suitable."

The 40,000 members of the Society were forbidden to buy the rose, and professional growers in Britain will not import the rose unless its name is changed.

"Lillibet" is the pet name by which the Queen has been known since she was a girl.

Compulsory Treatment Planned for V.D. Cases

Persons suffering from venereal diseases will be compelled to undergo treatment according to the weight of an infected person and regulations which have just been drafted by the Ministry of Health within the comprehensive Public Health Act being drawn up over a period of years.

Similar to anti-venereal legislation in most other countries, the draft broadly follows a German law of 1927 in defining the duties of an infected person and ensuring complete secrecy of treatment.

Every case must consent to medical examination and reveal the contacts transmitting infection. A network of clinics will provide free medical attention. District physicians will be granted wide powers to follow up cases and, with the help of the courts, compel their acceptance of treatment. As prostitution is not legal in Israel, routine check-ups are not envisaged.

The Ministry of Health noted that V.D. did not constitute a problem here; the case-roll hardly altered, because infected immigrants are dealt with on arrival.

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Truman Calls on Ike To Stop Hysteria

NEW YORK, Sunday (AP). — President Truman yesterday called on President Eisenhower to end the American hysteria about Communism with action as well as words. He said that the corrosive effect of this hysteria could undermine the world leadership of the U.S. as well as the effectiveness of the Government.

Mr. Truman was speaking at a reception at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in honour of his 70th birthday. He also called on the President to defend those unjustly accused and to show that fair play and decency can prevail in the executive branch of the Government.

Reports from Washington, meanwhile, state that President Eisenhower's legislative programme has run into considerable opposition in Congress. The most serious setback of the administration was the decision of the Senate to send

back to committee the Presidential bill to amend the Taft-Hartley Labour Law. This shoves the bill for the current session.

The administration's farm programme has also been held up and the bill for statehood for Hawaii is regarded as "as good as dead." The Reciprocal Trade Law expires on June 12 and the best the administration may obtain is a temporary extension.

On the other hand, the President has scored a big victory with the approval of the St. Lawrence seaway project, and the administration's foreign aid and social security programmes are expected to be passed shortly.

2 GERMANS JAILED FOR MASSACRE
FRANKFURT, Sunday (INA). — A former captain and a sergeant of the German Wehrmacht were sentenced yesterday to three and four years in prison respectively for participating in the massacre of the Jewish population of a village near Smolensk during the war. A third defendant whose wife had reported the story of the massacre to the authorities after a marital quarrel, was acquitted.

The Court particularly denounced the officer for trying to evade personal responsibility for the massacre by passing on the order to the sergeant, after another company commander had refused to carry out the murder.

Coming and Goings
TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Arrivals during April via Haifa Port: Tel Aviv-Jaffa, the airports of Lydda and Haifa, Mandelbaum Gate and Rosh Hanikra, totalled 4,458. Departures in the same month totalled 6,831.

There were 604 immigrants and 464 emigrants. In March, 594 immigrants arrived, with India, Morocco and Tunisia heading the list of the countries from which they came. In the same month, 1,538 immigrants from Haifa port, Mador and immigrant camps were given housing. 381 of them through Youth Aliya.

Today, the a.s. Jerusalem brought, to Haifa, 21 immigrants from Holland; four from Italy; two each from Australia, Bulgaria and Britain; one elderly woman from Hungary, and 10 from North Africa and France. The ship also brought 327 tourists and 65 returning residents.

Mortimer May Stands For Z.O.A. Presidency
NEW YORK, Sunday (INA). — The candidacy of Mr. Mortimer May, of Nashville, Tenn., for the presidency of the Zionist Organization of America was announced today following a meeting of 80 leaders of the Organization who gathered here to exchange views on the forthcoming 57th annual National Convention and the future programme of Z.O.A. Mr. May's candidacy was unanimously voted by the meeting, in which Z.O.A. regional and district leaders participated.

Mile. Brun Acquitted
PARIS, Sunday (INA). — The "Finay affair" came to a close yesterday as far as French justice is concerned, with the acquittal of Mile. Antonette Brun at the Court of Appeals. Mile. Brun, who had been the guardian of the two Finay orphans, had been accused of failing to present them when ordered to do so by the Court.

The two brothers have been in Israel since last July, following a long court battle over their guardianship, their dramatic abduction to Spain and subsequent recovery.

RECORD. — Parry O'Brien, U.S. Olympic champion, on Saturday broke the world record for weight, throwing with a throw of 18 m. 42.

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KFAR SABA, Sunday. — The Bank of England has approved the investment of £30,000 for the establishment of a factory in Herzlia for the mass production of machine tools. Mr. A. Baharav, an industrialist, told the Press today.

This is the first British investment in an Israeli industrial enterprise, he said.

The factory has been set up by the Baharav brothers and Dr. A. Eisen in partnership with Samuel Osborne, Ltd. of Sheffield, England. The sums invested in this approved enterprise total £1,300,000, half of which is in foreign currency.

Latin America, the U.S. and Turkey are expected to provide a market for the factory's tools above the local demand. Local distribution will begin this week, it was reported. The factory, which has 80 workers, makes jobber drills, shank drills and tool bits, from high-tension British steel.

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It would now appear that sources close to the State Department are trying to give the impression that Mr. Henry Byroade, in what his recent speech at Philadelphia, did not intend to suggest that Israel should limit immigration and that he had no desire to appear as interfering in the internal affairs of a friendly nation.

It is true enough that the speech itself did not state in specific terms a request from the Assistant Secretary of State to the Government of Israel to take definite action against immigration. The implication, however, was far too clear to be explained away subsequently.

The exact words of Mr. Byroade, as given in the official version of the speech circulated by the United States Information Service might be of interest in this context. After discussing the problem of immigration into Israel in some detail and coming to the conclusion that the only hands from which millions of Jews could ever possibly come are the United States and the Soviet Union and her satellites, Mr. Byroade said, "What does spread like wildfire throughout the Middle East is a series of statements from Israel calling for greatly expanded immigration. A constant fear is that the call in terms of extra millions will be heeded. Their fears are enhanced by the knowledge that the only limitation imposed by the State on immigration into Israel is, in fact, the total number of those of the Jewish faith in the entire world. The Arabs know the capacity of the territory of Israel is limited. They see only one result — future attempt at territorial expansion — and hence warfare of serious proportions."

"Can one be injecting himself into improper fields by speaking of matters such as this that lie deep at the roots of a conflict so dangerous to us? I realize I am referring to matters on which strong religious and humanitarian feelings exist on the part of many. I can only implore those who have such feelings not to ignore the feelings of others, nor the dangers of the world in which we live. Surely it is not asking too much of Israel to find some way to lay at rest these fears of her neighbors and remove this spectre (our italics) which does not seem to be based on reality — from minds in the Middle East."

What Mr. Byroade meant, it is now being claimed, is that he had no intention of advising Israel in any way or of making any request. He merely wished to draw attention to the problem, perhaps in the hope that the Israel Government would respond helpfully by a declaration of some kind which might be framed in such a way as to allay Arab fears.

His words, however, are clear enough, and taken in the context of the speech itself, with all the qualifying phrases Mr. Byroade used, must be interpreted by Arabs as an indication that he endorses those fears. After all, Mr. Byroade is not an Ernest Bevin; he knows the problem thoroughly. He must know perfectly well that the only declaration which would begin to approach satisfying the Arabs would be a declaration from Israel that there was to be a limitation of immigration.

But in any case, all this is sheer nonsense and Mr. Byroade knows it. His speech was designed to give some cover for Arab fears which would be a cloak to the reality. The Arab is simply to erase this country from the map. Abdul Nasser, the Egyptian Prime Minister, repeated it only two days ago when he told an Athens newspaper in an interview that Israel "was an artificial State, which must disappear."

It does not suit the policy of the United States at the moment to allow the public to see the Arab states as they are, inveterate warmongers, prepared to destroy even those of their own League who would even dare talk peace. It is because of this that Mr. Byroade feels called upon to invent those plausible pretenses.

Kibbutz Strains to Fill Ranks

By YITZHAK ODED

IN the face of its manpower shortage the kibbutz has been striving to gain new members. For these, the recent improvement in living conditions in many collective settlements has proved a very real attraction. Today, the worker who desires a congenial job with a high standard of living, full security, and the best for his children, can find them all in the kibbutz with no investment and little delay, and serious attempts have been made by villages to meet him halfway in individual financial and educational arrangements. Indeed, hundreds have moved to the collectives through the campaign "From Town to Country."

The number would have been greater had more housing been made available by the Government and the Histadrut, and had the kibbutz movement, whose strength is sapped by manpower shortage, been able to devote more people to the tremendous effort — speeches, lectures, personal contact, and the laborious fitting of each family to the settlement that best answers its requirements.

The job, of course, only begins with the family's arrival in the kibbutz. Making the newcomers feel at home, finding them the right work, allowing them to take care of their special demands and all this requires conscious effort on the part of the community, which must also get used to these people, who are a little less patient and less idealistic than the khalutzim of old. The goodwill is generally there, but not the organization.

It is essential to appoint special persons to take care of the newcomers, but the kibbutz today is so short-handed that its ablest organizers are already overloaded with responsibilities. The requirements that the kibbutz sets are also too strict at times: unwilling to modify certain preconceptions about the age or status of prospective members, it often emerges the loser in new blood and in skills. As a result, some settlements have succeeded in assimilating large numbers of families, while others have failed completely.

The absorption of new families into the communal settlement generally has a excellent effect on its morale, and often cuts down its manpower shortage to manageable proportions. But the vocational adaptability of adults is limited, their social status is rather inflexible, and their cultural productivity has not been great. For its successful growth and nay for its salvation — the kibbutz depends on youth.

UNTIL two or three years ago, couples with more than two children found it extremely difficult to enter kibbutzim. The settlements were not in a good financial position, and found it more than they could manage to put the children of the newcomers through school. I remember the case of a widow with two children, who was accepted by a large settlement, only because her husband had been a well-known figure in the labor movement.

The manpower shortage in the kibbutz has now become a fact. Here and there, if a class is overcrowded or there are not enough teachers, the fact that there are children of a certain age may prevent a specific kibbutz from accepting a given couple. But the same family will nearly always be able to choose from a number of settlements that are willing and able to admit it.

Children remain the most important asset of the collective in its struggle for Communism. The sons of the kibbutz rarely participate in the flight to the towns. Some may not share their parents' idealism; some at times disagree with their elders on fundamental social and economic principles; but they remain on the farm and they go into it heart and soul. The only trouble is that they are still too few: the upper age groups in the schools are sparse, and 15 years or more will go by until the farms can be staffed with the kibbutz. Meanwhile many kibbutzim, where the first settlers are well on in their forties, are badly in need of reinforcements.

Here the traditional recruiting grounds, for the moment, have just about run dry. The paucity of youth movements produce no results — abroad, with the possible exception of some Latin American countries.

Readers' Letters

MR. BYROADE AND THE FACTS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — Mr. Byroade's speech is an outstanding example of the distortion of plain facts within five short years. Nearly everybody on the international stage takes it for granted that it is we who must appease the Arabs, support their refugees, avoid giving them offense and even pay them reparations. It seems to me that the time has come to state some plain facts in plain language.

During the past 15 years the Jewish people have been involved in two wars. Both times we were attacked — the avowed purpose of the attacks in both cases being our physical destruction. During the war with Germany, we had all the free nations and some unfree ones as our allies; we suffered six million casualties. We had no allies in the Arab war and at least 200,000 of the free nations did her level best to destroy us; we had many casualties but we won.

We are doubtless small, but we have no reason to be meek. And it is a very old custom that the loser pays. We do not get reparations from Germany only because we have a moral case; we get them because the Germans lost. If Mr. Byroade thinks that any reparations are due in connection with the Arab war, I certainly concur — but they are due us.

There's no doubt that there can be peace with the Arabs — if they want it. If they keep on attacking us, however, it will be too bad for them.

Yours, etc.
Y. ARNOLD
Binyamina, May 4.

and insufficient results at home. Party rivalry within the movement does not help. National Army has not attracted the unorganized. There remains school-age youth.

In the higher grades in particular, kibbutz schools are able to absorb additional pupils. This is especially true of divided settlements, which may have been left with as few as three or four pupils in some forms. The classrooms are there, the teachers can be had; why not fill out the classes?

In many cases pupils have been invited from the cities, and parents gladly consent, for the kibbutz institutions are often comparable to good boarding schools abroad, and rather cheaper. Another method is more worthy of attention.

The kibbutz has been steadily losing money on the Youth Aliya groups, for payments do not cover the cost of boarding, and the kibbutz is seriously short of funds. Children under 16 rarely pay for themselves for work that utilizes their capacity, and adults must on the collective after they had grown up.

Youth Aliya children were not brought up in the kibbutz schools, and this for two reasons: the cost of kibbutz education is too far above the Youth Aliya payments; and the difference in background, for the kibbutz is a democratic level they would have to study with kibbutz children much younger than themselves.

Most of the children now going through Youth Aliya were brought up in Israel, in the slums and tenements of the main towns. Their cultural assimilation, therefore, is less difficult than that of the young immigrants of yesterday, but at the same time the social adaptation is a delicate problem, and their parents, who consider that their stay in the kibbutz is only temporary, present another. Skilled and educated workers must be provided for this youth.

Mixed Kibbutz Classes
Despite these serious difficulties, the school at Masz Halim decided several years ago that it was dangerous not to educate the two groups together. The example has spread, and many settlements now have Youth Aliya children in their own classes. The expense is heavy, the educational problems manifold, but both groups benefit.

Where Youth Aliya children cannot be admitted to the kibbutz school, earnest attempts are made to bring the two groups together and to educate them in vocational training. The kibbutz federations cleverly ensured that the settlements would find it in their own interest to take good care of their wards. In the past, kibbutz groups would go out and found new settlements, or join others.

Today, it is the practice to encourage them to remain in the kibbutz in which they had studied. Thus, the settlers are in their wards the future members of their own collective.

Where the time has come to be a nation alike unto all nations, and to abandon an institution which is anachronistic to some, visionary to others, and obstructive in the eyes of not a few.

The time has come to prove our national adulthood by liquidating the pre-Jewish and pre-Israeli. The kibbutz neither is nor ought to be a state within a state. Its integration must be complete, but its integrity must remain. We must guarantee to this most characteristic of our institutions — for our own sake — the place it deserves in our national life.

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VISITORS' GALLERY

Hillel Director
Dr. Arthur Lelyveld, Director of the Hillel Foundation of B'nai B'rith in the United States, advocates a "pan-sectarian" approach to Judaism; he prefers to emphasize similarities rather than dissect the differences. The network of 260 Hillel Clubs with a membership of 70,000 which covers the American universities tries to do just this — to promote positive Judaism. Eight Hillel clubs operate in Canada, and the first English branch has recently been founded.

The Hebrew University acquired its Hillel House two months ago. Dr. Lelyveld arrived on his second visit to Jerusalem for the dedication ceremony tomorrow, and to discuss plans for the club's expansion with its Director, Rabbi Maurice Pekarsky.

"We have no pre-conceived notions on the role Hillel House should play at the University," said Dr. Lelyveld, saying that the Hillel House might be pursued at the club. "We don't presume to impose an American pattern."

The University itself, as far back as 1945, suggested that B'nai B'rith open a centre here. The Hillel clubhouse behind Terra Sancta is the first public building to student groups. Its restful good taste invites a browse in the library between lectures, or an evening spent on the terrace, listening to Bach. Lectures will be held to accommodate until the second storey has been added. Dr. Lelyveld is checking the blue-prints during his visit and looks forward to seeing Hillel House as the focus of extramural activity when he next comes to Jerusalem. G.L.C.

tempted to short-cut this long and patient procedure by rounding up a dozen 15- or 16-year-olds in the towns and inviting them, without further preparation, to have a try at collective life. I had the opportunity to observe the first days of one such group. Brought up in idleness on the streets of Fex and Marrakesh, with little education and practically no Hebrew, these boys and girls had everything to learn about productive life. But goodwill works wonders: they learned, though at a fantastic cost in smugged-in clothing, smashed furniture, and damaged crops. The kibbutz was able to make productive citizens of them, and this important task must not be underestimated. But the primary task — gaining adherents to the kibbutz movement — has not met, because they had not studied enough by the time they had not developed enough friendships, in short, because they had not been totally integrated.

Among the youth which it intends to draw into its ranks, today even more than yesterday, the kibbutz must meet its own challenges, as well as very real positive experience and associations. Whether the kibbutz is to be a haven for children of middle-class Tel Aviv families, or Youth Aliya wards sent out on the farm for four years, something in the make-up of our youth of any youth in the world — will be profoundly affected by the values of the kibbutz movement: simplicity, honesty, productive life, the sense of material abundance, but above all, by throwing off the long-standing chip on its shoulder.

For a long time to come, the kibbutz member will continue to require the ideological stimulus of a mission to be performed. But the challenge must be stated in positive terms if the kibbutz is to gain the popularity without which it will exhaust itself. Rather than talk about going against the current, it must attempt to turn the current, though it seem an impossible task, into a steady flow, and at any cost it must abandon its isolationism.

State Must Help
On the other hand, if only out of a misguided self-interest, the State and the many factors that mold public opinion must do more to assist the kibbutz to speak to the youth. So far, there has been no serious attempt to speak to the youth, not by the Government, the Press, and some political circles nominal supporters of the kibbutz.

There are reasons for this. Some groups are jealous of the political, economic and educational prerogatives of the kibbutz, and see the days of our independence, and to which it has not always abandoned its claims. Others feel that the time has come to be a nation alike unto all nations, and to abandon an institution which is anachronistic to some, visionary to others, and obstructive in the eyes of not a few.

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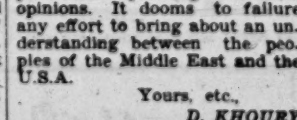
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Pulling down part of the wall erected against snipers' bullets in 1948 along King George Avenue, Jerusalem. Photo by Braun

Dulles Still in Saddle

New Policy May Allow Vietnam Bargain

By ALASTAIR BUCHAN

WASHINGTON (OFNS) — A WEEK ago, and before Mr. Dulles had returned to Washington, there was considerable speculation that what has been called "the greatest defeat of American diplomacy since the Second World War" — Dulles' failure to obtain the British Government's agreement to a formal instrument of "United Action" before the Geneva conference on Indo-China began — might involve the Secretary of State's own future.

It was thought Mr. Dulles would meet such a barrage of criticism from the Right-wing Republicans for having deferred to the British view, and from the Democrats for jeopardizing the Western Alliance by exerting public pressure on Britain, that President Eisenhower would be forced to jettison him. But the opposition has so far failed to develop into anything serious enough to put Mr. Dulles's continuance in office in question; and at the President's news conference last week he received the strongest possible backing from a Secretary of State could desire.

Mr. Dulles has been bland, and after his meeting with Congressional leaders on Wednesday, it became clear that at present the Republican leaders in Congress are not disposed to be openly critical of Mr. Dulles — despite Senator William Knowland's advocacy earlier in the week of a "go it alone" policy for the United States with regard to Indo-China.

The Democrats, for quite a different reason, have also been for the most part silent. If the political and military situation in Indo-China should deteriorate into catastrophe, they wish to be able to dissociate themselves from the actions of the Eisenhower Administration, and to criticize its judgment, as the French — the most part silent — did the Truman administration after the triumph of Communism in China in 1949.

New Plan Emerges
One reason why Mr. Dulles has been able to reassert his position with the Congressional leaders is that on Wednesday he was able to assure them that the failure of his attempt to produce a tough united front with Britain and France at the outset of the Geneva conference has not left the United States without a policy towards the Indo-China conference, or caused it to abandon its effort to create a collective security agreement.

What Mr. Dulles appears to have in mind is that the question of creating a focus of resistance to Communism in Indo-China should no longer be treated as one problem. In its simplest terms this means that France should be allowed to strike the best bargain it can for a cease-fire in Vietnam while the United States build up a firm alliance for the permanent defence of Laos and Cambodia — the other two States of Indo-China — and of Siam.

This does not mean that the United States is prepared to accept Communist domination of Vietnam or any cease-fire arrangement which makes it likely. It does mean that Mr. Dulles has at least abandoned a previous position of the United States, held with particular fervour at the Pentagon (military HQ.) that the defence of Indo-China was

indivisible and that the Vietnam rebels must somehow be exorcised by military means. If France can make some arrangement which assures firm control of the major ports, Mr. Dulles will no longer oppose it, provided there is no question of surrendering Laos or Cambodia as the focal points of a new security system in which he believes Britain will eventually adhere.

This decision, if it becomes firm U.S. policy, seems to mark the end of any question of intervention by U.S. forces in Indo-China, or of any implementation of Mr. Dulles's earlier threats of "massive retaliation" — unless, of course, the situation in Laos and Cambodia should deteriorate rapidly, which at present does not seem likely.

A great deal of the confusion which has raged not only throughout the world at large about American intentions towards Indo-China could, it is now possible to see in retrospect, have been avoided. The U.S. Administration could have let it be known some three weeks or a month ago that the view that the whole of Indo-China must be saved from Communist domination — if necessary by American military intervention, or at least by massive British and American air support to the French — represented only one strand of opinion. Its most notable advocate being Admiral Radford, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff — rather than an irrevocable decision by the Administration.

Correspondence with U.S.A.

Letters Abroad, a clearing house for international correspondence, has recently announced receipt of many requests from persons in America who desire correspondence with those of similar taste and interests in Israel. The purpose of Letters Abroad is to promote international good will and understanding by creating, through personal correspondence by people of different nationalities, a network of friendly relationships. Persons interested are urged to write, preferably in English, to Letters Abroad, 605 Park Avenue, New York 21, N.Y., U.S.A., stating name, address, sex, age, occupation, personal interests and foreign language competence. Letters Abroad will then attempt to find a suitable American of corresponding background. (USIA)

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The exact words of Mr. Byroade, as given in the official version of the speech circulated by the United States Information Service might be of interest in this context. After discussing the problem of immigration into Israel in some detail and coming to the conclusion that the only hands from which millions of Jews could ever possibly come are the United States and the Soviet Union and her satellites, Mr. Byroade said, "What does spread like wildfire throughout the Middle East is a series of statements from Israel calling for greatly expanded immigration. A constant fear is that the call in terms of extra millions will be heeded. Their fears are enhanced by the knowledge that the only limitation imposed by the State on immigration into Israel is, in fact, the total number of those of the Jewish faith in the entire world. The Arabs know the capacity of the territory of Israel is limited. They see only one result — future attempt at territorial expansion — and hence warfare of serious proportions."

"Can one be injecting himself into improper fields by speaking of matters such as this that lie deep at the roots of a conflict so dangerous to us? I realize I am referring to matters on which strong religious and humanitarian feelings exist on the part of many. I can only implore those who have such feelings not to ignore the feelings of others, nor the dangers of the world in which we live. Surely it is not asking too much of Israel to find some way to lay at rest these fears of her neighbors and remove this spectre (our italics) which does not seem to be based on reality — from minds in the Middle East."

What Mr. Byroade meant, it is now being claimed, is that he had no intention of advising Israel in any way or of making any request. He merely wished to draw attention to the problem, perhaps in the hope that the Israel Government would respond helpfully by a declaration of some kind which might be framed in such a way as to allay Arab fears.

His words, however, are clear enough, and taken in the context of the speech itself, with all the qualifying phrases Mr. Byroade used, must be interpreted by Arabs as an indication that he endorses those fears. After all, Mr. Byroade is not an Ernest Bevin; he knows the problem thoroughly. He must know perfectly well that the only declaration which would begin to approach satisfying the Arabs would be a declaration from Israel that there was to be a limitation of immigration.

But in any case, all this is sheer nonsense and Mr. Byroade knows it. His speech was designed to give some cover for Arab fears which would be a cloak to the reality. The Arab is simply to erase this country from the map. Abdul Nasser, the Egyptian Prime Minister, repeated it only two days ago when he told an Athens newspaper in an interview that Israel "was an artificial State, which must disappear."

Readers' Letters

MR. BYROADE AND THE FACTS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — Mr. Byroade's speech is an outstanding example of the distortion of plain facts within five short years. Nearly everybody on the international stage takes it for granted that it is we who must appease the Arabs, support their refugees, avoid giving them offense and even pay them reparations. It seems to me that the time has come to state some plain facts in plain language.

During the past 15 years the Jewish people have been involved in two wars. Both times we were attacked — the avowed purpose of the attacks in both cases being our physical destruction. During the war with Germany, we had all the free nations and some unfree ones as our allies; we suffered six million casualties. We had no allies in the Arab war and at least 200,000 of the free nations did her level best to destroy us; we had many casualties but we won.

We are doubtless small, but we have no reason to be meek. And it is a very old custom that the loser pays. We do not get reparations from Germany only because we have a moral case; we get them because the Germans lost. If Mr. Byroade thinks that any reparations are due in connection with the Arab war, I certainly concur — but they are due us.

There's no doubt that there can be peace with the Arabs — if they want it. If they keep on attacking us, however, it will be too bad for them.

Yours, etc.
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Binyamina, May 4.

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